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In the Application of :
Bruno Johannes Ehrnsperger, et al. : Confirmation No. 1139
Serial No. 09/849,554 : Group Art Unit 1724
Filed May 4, 2001 : Examiner Ivars C. Cintins
For USE OF ABSORBENT MATERIALS TO SEPARATE WATER
FROM LIPOPHILIC FLUID

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks

AMENDMENTSIn the Specification:

On page 27, please replace the second paragraph beginning with line 11 and
ending with line 23 with the following new paragraph:

Other particulate materials useful herein are the synthetic polymeric particles
selected from the group consisting of polybutylene, polyethylene, polyisobutylene,
polymethylstyrene, polypropylene, polystyrene, polyurethane, nylon,
polytetrafluoroethylene, and mixtures thereof. Of these, the most preferred are
polyethylene and polypropylene particles, with the oxidized versions of these
materials being especially preferred. Examples of commercially available particles
useful herein include the ACumist™ micronized polyethylene waxes available from